

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1411

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A RESOLUTION to commend Whalen Osborne upon receiving a Top Teens of America scholarship and for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Whalen Osborne is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of the Memphis Chapter of Top Teens of America, Mr. Osborne has achieved acclaim for his exemplary record of volunteer service, receiving a \$1,000 technical-vocational scholarship at the Top Teens national meeting in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a recent graduate of Bishop Byrne High School, Whalen Osborne has rendered sterling service to Memphis Top Teens since moving to Memphis from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, he will use the scholarship toward his studies at Rust College, where he will enter in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Top Teens of America is a national service organization sponsored by Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.; the dedicated members of Memphis Top Teens have recently completed service projects with the Memphis Zoo, March of Dimes, and the American Cancer Society, along with literacy and beautification projects at Coleman Elementary School and Hanley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Whalen Osborne has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Whalen Osborne's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Mr. Osborne, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Whalen Osborne upon winning a national Top Teens of America scholarship as we recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.